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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Official Action of March 25, 2008, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on June 25, 2008, and for which a response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 was filed on May 27, 2008 (May 25, 2008 being a Sunday and May 26, 2008 being a federal holiday), and with respect to which an Advisory Action was issued on July 10, 2008, thus resetting the three-month period for response to expire on July 10, 2008, the period for response having further been extended, by an attached Request for Extension of Time, to expire on August 11, 2008 (August 10, 2008 being a Sunday), Applicant

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respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3 of this paper:

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper: